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ABSTRACT

Noting dramatic changes in First Amendment protections for high school students and new legal issues facing college newspaper editors, this book describes in detail the legal rights and responsibilities of both the high school and college press. While the book is extensively footnoted, it intentionally avoids "legal-ese" and "brings law to life" for students and educators. The book begins with brief discussions of the Student Press Law Center, and the American court system and legal citations. Chapters in the book are: (1) Introduction (a position statement); (2) Freedom of Expression: The Cornerstone of a Free Society; (3) Ethical Journalism; (4) Through the Schoolhouse Gate: "Tinker" Sets the Standard; (5) High School Press Freedom: The Impact of "Hazelwood"; (6) College Press Freedom; (7) Private Schools and Press Freedom; (8) The "Underground" Press; (9) The Electronic Media; (10) The Rights of Advisers; (11) Fighting Censorship; (12) Defamation; (13) Invasion of Privacy; (14) Obscenity; (15) Copyright Law; (16) Liability for the Student Press; (17) Reporters' Privilege; (18) Freedom of Information Law; and (19) Advertising and Business Concerns. Thirteen appendixes include codes of ethics, policy statements by various organizations, model legislation, a sample open records request letter, and a list of national student media organizations. (RS)

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